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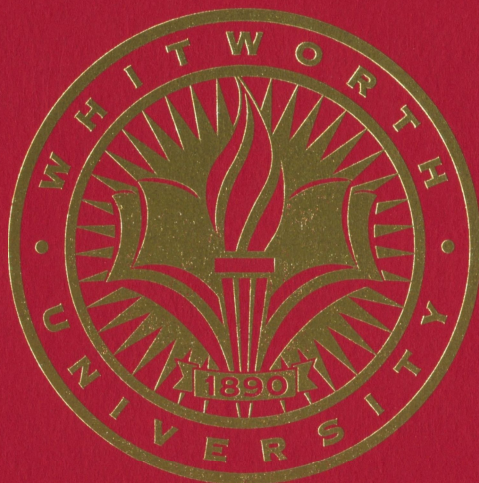
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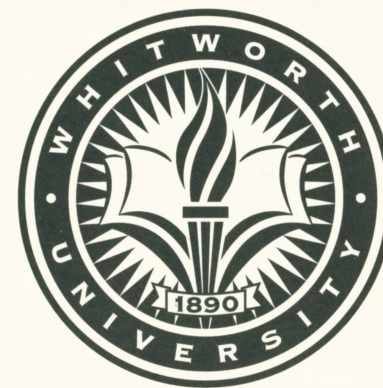


*The One Hundred Twenty-Fifth  
Graduate Commencement*

*May 16, 2015*

*Whitworth University  
Spokane, Washington*





*Class of 2015*

*Graduate  
Commencement*



## *The Prelude*

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Prelude I (Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

"Meditation" from *Thais*

Largo

J.S. Bach

J.S. Bach/arr. Myra Hess

Jules Massenet

George Frederick Handel

Benjamin C. Brody, '97, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Music: Piano

Eric Moe, '95, M.A., Adjunct Professor of Music: Trumpet

## *\* The Processional*

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Pomp and Circumstance (Op. 39, No. 4)

Edward Elgar

Benjamin C. Brody, '97, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Music: Piano

Eric Moe, '95, M.A., Adjunct Professor of Music: Trumpet

Processional led by Kenneth M. Roberts, '68, and Jason Thackston, '92, Trustees, Whitworth University

*\*Those who are able shall stand.*

## *The Welcome*

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Caroline J. Simon, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President

## *Introduction of Program Directors and Faculty*

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Barbara Sanders, Ed.D., Dean of the School of Education

Timothy J. Wilkinson, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Business

Noelle S. Wiersma, '90, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

## *The Invocation*

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Barbara Sanders, Ed.D., Dean of the School of Education

## *Musical Offering*

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What You'd Call a Dream from Diamonds

Craig Carnelia

Tobin James Eyestone, Secondary Master in Teaching, Class of 2015

## *Scripture*

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Old Testament Reading: Psalm 133

Jessica Nicole Crockett, Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy, Class of 2015

New Testament Reading: Luke 22:24-27

Michael Timothy Randall, Secondary Master in Teaching, Class of 2015



## *The Commencement Address* \_\_\_\_\_

Life Together...Life Forever More

Beck A. Taylor, Ph.D., President

## *\* Hymn* \_\_\_\_\_

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

Music: John Bacchus Dykes  
Lyrics: Reginald Heber

Tobin James Eyestone, Secondary Master in Teaching, Class of 2015

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*\*Those who are able shall stand.*

## *Student Speakers* \_\_\_\_\_

Charles Francis Kunkel, Master of Business Administration, Class of 2015

Connie Rae Suchomel, Master of Arts in Theology, Class of 2015

## *The Conferral of Graduate Degrees* \_\_\_\_\_

Beck A. Taylor, Ph.D., President

Caroline J. Simon, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President

Roberta Wilburn, Ed.D., Th.D., Director, Graduate Studies in Education Program

David Cherry, Ph.D., Director, Master in Teaching Program

John Hengesh, M.B.A., Director, Graduate Studies in Business Program

Jeremy Wynne, '99, Ph.D., Director, Master of Arts in Theology Program



## \* *Alma Mater*

Song Leader: Tobin James Eystone, Secondary Master in Teaching, Class of 2015

Centennial Text, 1990

Lyrics by Leonard A. Oakland and Darrell Guder

Piano: Benjamin C. Brody

Whit - worth we hon - or, proud - ly we'll be  
Hail Al - ma Ma - ter, we sing your praise,

Her sons and daugh - ters, dar - ing to see;  
Hail no - ble Whit - worth our col - ors raise;

In her great vi - sion, so true and just,  
Lead - ing us on - ward, striv - ing for right.

Our no - ble cal - ling, our sa - cred trust.  
Draw - ing us up - ward, in - to God's light!

\*Those who are able shall stand.

## *The Benediction*

Noelle S. Wiersma, '90, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

## *The Recessional*

"Sinfonia" from *Il Gardino d'Amore*

Alessandro Scarlatti

Benjamin C. Brody, '97, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Music: Piano

Eric Moe, '95, M.A., Adjunct Professor of Music: Trumpet

The audience will remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

Flowers are given in loving memory of Dorothy Dixon by her family.



## Graduate Degree Candidates

### Master of Arts

**Sonja Marie Bertram**  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Pierce, Idaho

**Jessica Nicole Crockett**  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Spokane, Washington

**Cheryl Ann Dalton**  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Spokane, Washington

**Jessica Lynn Kaluza**  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Spokane, Washington

**Emily Ann Elizabeth Palmer**  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Spokane, Washington

**Charlene Louise Williams**  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Sacramento, California

### Master of Arts in Teaching

**Lisa Ahlers-Landstrom**  
Gifted and Talented  
Loon Lake, Washington

**Lacey Kay Bear**  
Gifted and Talented  
Spokane, Washington

**Michelle Marie Davis**  
Special Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Paulette Yvonne Hines**  
Special Education  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Cameron Ryan McCulloch**  
Gifted and Talented  
Sammamish, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Deborah Jean Paulson**  
Gifted and Talented  
Deer Park, Washington

**Kimberly Bernice Snaza**  
Special Education  
Nine Mile Falls, Washington  
*in absentia*

### Master of Education

**Aaron Ross Ash**  
Educational Administration  
Spokane, Washington

**Elorm Kwame Atisu**  
Administrative Leadership  
Accra, Ghana

**Tierney Jo Baffuto**  
Elementary Education  
Billings, Montana

**Christopher Thomas Basham**  
Administrative Leadership  
Spokane, Washington

**September Beal**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Kristi Kaitlynn Blackwood**  
School Counseling  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Jill Turner Cocking**  
Elementary Education  
Colfax, Washington

**Patrick Cortright**  
Educational Administration  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Ashley Elizabeth Foster**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Caylan O'Connell Haehl**  
Administrative Leadership  
East Wenatchee, Washington

**Ashley Elaine Hartnett**  
Elementary Education  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Michael Gordon Haugen**  
Educational Administration  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Christina Marie Hernandez**  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Spokane, Washington

**Katherine Marie Hohimer**  
Educational Administration  
Pasco, Washington

**Bobbi Lee Konshuk**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Richard Brian Lauridsen**  
Educational Administration  
Anaheim, California

**Rebecca Sierra Paul Macias**  
Elementary Education  
Deer Park, Washington

**Christina H. Martin-Potter**  
School Counseling  
Colbert, Washington

## Graduate Degree Candidates

**Elizabeth Ann Mason**  
School Counseling  
Spokane, Washington

**Sarah Marie Mayer**  
Elementary Education  
Colfax, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Erika Anne Raborn Miley**  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Weaverville, California

**Cassey Marie Miller**  
Elementary Education  
Nine Mile Falls, Washington

**Cheryl Elaine Monson**  
Elementary Education  
Liberty Lake, Washington

**Angelica Lisa Nicosia**  
Elementary Education  
Oceanside, California  
*in absentia*

**Karisa Irene Nord**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Jessica Joy Normile**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Tracey Elizabeth Osso**  
School Counseling  
Colbert, Washington

**Nathan Piturachsattit**  
Educational Administration  
Coulee Dam, Washington

**Rona Paulette Ritchie**  
Administrative Leadership  
Spokane, Washington

**Laura Christine Roehl**  
Educational Administration  
Spokane Valley, Washington

**Kenneth Kingsley Ryan**  
Educational Administration  
Chewelah, Washington

**Lori Ann Schuerer**  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Rosalia, Washington

**Jan Louise Spencer**  
Secondary Education  
Creston, Washington

**Traci Lynn Spoon Stensland**  
Administrative Leadership  
Mead, Washington

**Colin Harrell Storm**  
Administrative Leadership  
Spokane, Washington

**Lisa Louise Taylor**  
Administrative Leadership  
Kalispell, Montana  
*in absentia*

**Jena Linn Tinklenberg**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Janahlyn L. Valenzuela**  
Administrative Leadership  
Los Angeles, California

**Joshua Michael Van Cleef**  
Administrative Leadership  
Spokane, Washington

**William M. von Bracht**  
Educational Administration  
Troy, Montana

**Jeffery Fredrick Ward**  
School Counseling  
Spokane, Washington

**Rebecca Lynne Ward**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Rachelle D. West**  
Elementary Education  
Deer Park, Washington  
*in absentia*

### Master in Teaching

**Carrie Anderson**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Jessica Arp**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Celina Lynn Brower**  
Elementary Education  
Priest River, Idaho

**Christina Tuggle Carlsen**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Arlo Zachary Chambers**  
Secondary Education  
Waterville, Washington

**Elisabeth Claire Chambers**  
Elementary Education  
Auburn, Washington

**David Montgomery Chase**  
Secondary Education  
Bothell, Washington



## Graduate Degree Candidates

**Lisa Gabrielle Collins**  
Elementary Education  
Snohomish, Washington

**Kelli Eileen Conway**  
Elementary Education  
Renton, Washington

**Keely Ann Cooper**  
Secondary Education  
Bellevue, Washington

**Brittany LeAnne Cozza**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Tobin James Eyestone**  
Secondary Education  
Manila, Philippines

**Erik Flodin**  
Secondary Education  
El Sobrante, California

**Matthew E. Goebel**  
Secondary Education  
Bellingham, Washington

**Emily Elizabeth Guthrie**  
Secondary Education  
Snohomish, Washington

**Nicholas Aaron Hayes**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Matthew Jonathon Hurst**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Ian Jacobsen**  
Elementary Education  
Lake Tahoe, California

**Bryce J. Jordan**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Sarah Jaymes Kenney**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Melissa M. Krall**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Aleisha Claire Larsen**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Bonnie J. Lind**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Sean Mallon**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Samantha Marie McBride**  
Secondary Education  
Hobart, Washington

**Stephen James McKinney**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Shannon Jolynn Meuler**  
Elementary Education  
Edmonds, Washington

**Sarah Noel Morgan**  
Elementary Education  
Colfax, Washington

**Karen Elizabeth Murk**  
Elementary Education  
Brooklyn, New York

**Jason Lee Passinetti**  
Secondary Education  
Medical Lake, Washington

**Shelley Gail Pawluk**  
Elementary Education  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Dan Philp**  
Secondary Education  
London, England

**Krystal Diane Pool**  
Secondary Education  
Kennewick, Washington

**Michael Timothy Randall**  
Secondary Education  
Camano Island, Washington

**Elyssa Anne Reisman**  
Secondary Education  
Colbert, Washington

**Kendra J. Robinson**  
Elementary Education  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

**Kiley Marie Schatz**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Michelle Leigh Slate**  
Secondary Education  
Ritzville, Washington

**Jane E. Tucker**  
Secondary Education  
Spokane, Washington

**Lauren Katherine Walter**  
Secondary Education  
Red Lodge, Montana

**Kate Norinne Womach**  
Elementary Education  
Spokane, Washington

## Master of Business Administration

**Garrett Ian Brown**  
Spokane, Washington

**Dallas Crockett**  
Northport, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Victoria Isabel Day**  
Libby, Montana

**Joseph Norman Gore**  
Prosser, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Kip Erick Johnson**  
Spokane, Washington

**Jeremy Bryan Keller**  
Spokane, Washington

**Lacey Jade Kerr**  
Spokane, Washington

**Charles Francis Kunkel**  
Port Orchard, Washington

**Scott Glen Peterson**  
Spokane, Washington

**Alisha Margaret Shaw**  
Spokane, Washington

## Graduate Degree Candidates

## Master of Business Administration in International Management

**Kristin Lee Haile**  
Spokane Valley, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Timothy Alexander Shustoff**  
Spokane, Washington

**Melissa Dawn Steen**  
Spokane, Washington

## Master of Arts in Theology

**Sunny Debonie August**  
Spokane, Washington

**Matthew Morris Clark**  
Spokane, Washington  
*in absentia*

**Gregory Todd Conley**  
Spokane, Washington

**William Bryan Mellott**  
Medical Lake, Washington

**Jerry Frank Ressa**  
Spokane, Washington

**Connie Rae Suchomel**  
Spokane, Washington

**Timothy J. Wilkinson**  
Laramie, Wyoming



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## *Academic Regalia*

Academic regalia is a tradition dating from the Middle Ages, when long robes and hoods were everyday attire designed to protect against the cold and drafts of medieval university halls. It remains the daily costume at some British universities.

The many variations in academic dress are not incidental, but are rich in meaning. Each costume represents both the degree held by the wearer and the institution that awarded it. While in Europe each university has been free to adopt whatever design it wishes, a considerable degree of standardization has been achieved in the United States. Some of the elements of the code of academic dress follow.

**HOOD:** The hood, which is draped down the back, carries more symbolic significance than any other part of the costume. The border, extending over the shoulders to meet in a "V" at the front, indicates by its colors the discipline in which the degree was earned. Colors for some of the faculties are white (arts, letters, humanities); cream (social science); dark blue (philosophy); light blue (education); scarlet (theology); pink (music); golden yellow (natural science); lemon (library science); nugget (business, accounting); and sage green (physical education).

The lining of the hood, partly exposed, is in the colors of the degree-granting institution (for Whitworth, crimson and black). Doctoral hoods are longer than those of master's degree recipients and have a wider border. Recipients of the bachelor's degree do not wear hoods.

**GOWN:** Black gowns are the rule, but a few universities use other colors. A doctor's gown is recognizable by the three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve, either in black or in the color of the discipline in which the degree was granted. Typically, a doctor's gown also has velvet panels down the front. The typical gowns for master's degree and baccalaureate degree candidates do not have decorated panels or sleeves.

**CAP:** The familiar hard-topped mortarboard, or Oxford cap, has long been standard, but a soft tam is increasingly common. The tassels are usually black or the color of the discipline. The tassel on a doctor's cap is usually metallic gold.

## *The Banners*

The banners carry the Celtic cross, representing the university's Scottish Presbyterian heritage, and the seal of Whitworth University. These banners are a permanent part of the commencement exercises.

## *Clarifications*

(1) Participation in commencement and inclusion in the commencement program do not guarantee official granting of a degree. Each graduate office verifies completion of all degree requirements for master's degree candidates. The registrar's office then completes the final degree requirement verification and posts all completed degrees.

(2) The official document verifying degree completion is the Whitworth transcript, signed and sealed by the registrar.